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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED
Information

1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Finow airfield between 18 February and 14 March 1955:

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18 February. There was no air activity during daytime. Between 1800 and 2100, it was observed from Eberswalde that 12 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s took off individually at intervals of 5 minutes, flew a bank over the town and landed again. The aircraft had set position lights.

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19 February. At 1330, one Po-2 was aloft over Eberswalde.

24 February. An estimated 60 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were parked at the field as follows: the alert flight of 4 aircraft in line heading toward the south at the usual dispersal area on the auxiliary runway, about 100 meters north from the point where it joins the main runway, 6 aircraft in line behind each other and heading toward the south near the take-off point and about 50 near the destroyed hangars at the northern edge of the landing field. The six MiGs near the take-off point were fueled from 3 tank trucks. About 20 soldiers were seen near these aircraft. Beginning at 1930, there was night flying. About 12 individual take-offs by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were made at intervals of 5 to 12 minutes. After a flight of about 4 minutes duration, the aircraft landed again toward the west. The airfield lights and the rotatable searchlight on the flight control station were in operation. The searchlight beamed white light upward at an angle of 45°. The aircraft had set position lights, landing lamps were not in operation. The Tekem-type radar set at the Finow estate was not in operation.

25 February. Between 1330 and 1400, 3 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s made aerobatics over Eberswalde. The aircraft climbed individually to very high altitudes so that only their vapor trails were repeatedly visible. At 1410, the aircraft landed at intervals of 3 minutes.

26 February. At 1145, one Il-28 crossed over Eberswalde from east to west at an altitude of 2,000 to 3,000 meters. After 10 minutes, the aircraft was seen returning in the opposite direction.

27 February. No air activity was observed from Eberswalde.

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28 February. Between 1130 and 1300, 4 individual MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s circled the field widely. At 1430, there was no air activity. Four aircraft were towed

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by trucks on the auxiliary runway to the northern edge of the landing field.

9 March. Between 1145 and 1150, one MiG-15 or U-MiG-15 made a local flight.

10 March. Until about 1700, air activity by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s was observed from Eberswalde. Between 1900 and 2210, there was night flying. The aircraft which had set position lights took off in elements of two with an interval of 30 seconds between the two aircraft. After a local flight, the second aircraft took up a position at the right rear of the first aircraft at a distance of about 3 wing spans. The distance changed repeatedly because the pilot of the second aircraft apparently had difficulties to the speed of the first aircraft. After circling the field widely for four times, the two aircraft landed at intervals of 30 seconds.

11 March. Until 1700, some MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were seen taking off.

12 March. MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s made individual local flights.

13 March. At about 1030, the alert flight of 4 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s was parked at the usual dispersal area. A total of about 60 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were parked at the field.

14 March. There was no air activity. 1

2. At 2100 on 24 February and at 1130 on 13 March, the Token-type radar set near the Finow estate was not in operation. The Token-type radar set on hill 71.5 near Sommerfelde was seen at its previous location. There was no activity at the installation. The radar sets south of the runway junction were seen at their previous locations. 2
3. The AA gun emplacement about 300 meters southwest of the eastern gap in the fence was still occupied by 37-mm AA guns. On 26 February, about 30 soldiers were seen in the emplacement. A temporary brick building which was about 40 meters long and had 3 chimneys from which smoke was seen rising had been erected about 300 meters south of the AA gun emplacement about 50 meters west of the road. 3

4. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at the field between 24 and 28 February:

24 February. There was intensive air activity by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s.

25 February. MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s practiced flying in elements of two.

26 February. Between 1100 and 1300, MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s made local flights. 1

5. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at the field between 7 and 12 March:

7 and 8 March. There was no air activity.

10 March. Between 0900 and 1700, MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s made individual local flights and formation flights in elements of two. Between 1900 and about 2200, night flying was practiced.

11 March. Between 0830 and 1700, MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s made individual local flights and formation flights in elements of two. One aircraft leaving a vapor trail was seen at an altitude of about 8,000 meters. Between 1900 and 2200 there was night flying. A searchlight located in the direction of Finowfurth beamed at a MiG-15 or U-MiG-15 which shuttled between Eberswalde and Finowfurth at an altitude of 1,000 to 1,500 meters.

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12 March. Between 0830 and 1230, about 10 individual take-offs were made by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s. ¹

6. The Token-type radar set was still observed on triangulation point 71.5 near Sommerfelde. The corners of the horizontal reflector were out off. This was not observed on the slanting reflector. The set was not in operation and no personnel were seen in the emplacement which was surrounded by a barbed wire fence. A four-corner sheet-metal box, probably a generator, was mounted on a 4-wheel carriage next to the radar set. No additional sets or vehicles were seen in the vicinity. A two-core line supported by masts extended near the radar set to the barracks installation at the eastern exit of Eberswalde. ²
7. Truck [] of Unit Voichenko repeatedly picked up supply in Eberswalde. ⁴
8. On 27 February, a wooden watchtower for Soviet sentries was observed in the northeastern corner of Jagen (forest sub-district) 22 at Hechower Strasse on the southern edge of the landing field. Three aircraft revetments with walls about 4 meters high were seen near the tower. ³
1. [] Comment. Finow airfield is still occupied by 1 fighter division headquarters and 2 fighter regiments. Night flying activity was intensified. About 60 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were observed on the landing field.
2. [] Comment. The radio and radar installations have previously been confirmed.
3. [] Comment. The AA gun emplacement in the southeastern corner of the landing field was reported previously. The brick building 300 meters south of the AA gun emplacement is reported for the first time.
4. [] Comment. The name of Voichenko has previously been reported from Finow.
5. [] Comment. The watchtower and 3 revetments are mentioned for the first time.

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